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Subject AB-1067 (Sub-No. 1X) - Iowa Northwestern Railroad Abandonment]

Rini Ghosh Attorney-Adviser Section of Environmental Analysis Surface Transportation Board (202) 565-1539

Dear Ms. Ghosh

This is in regard to the Iowa Northwestern Railroad and its proposed plans to abandon approximately 17 miles of the railroad from Milepost 235.25 near Lake Park, Iowa to Milepost 252.3, west of railroad station Braaksma, the current end of the line. The abandonment would take place in Osceola and Dickinson Counties, Iowa. The proposed project should have no impacts to Federally listed threatened or endangered species.

This precludes the need for further action on this project as required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Should this project be modified or new information indicated species may be affected, consultation should be initiated.

If you have any further questions please contact me at the following address and telephone numbers.

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